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SUBJECT: ARGENTINE PRESS TREATMENT OF ECONOMIC MINISTER'S
MEETINGS WITH AMERICAN OFFICIALS
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1. ARA/ECA DISCUSSED ARGENTINE PRESS TREATMENT OF
MARTINEZ DE HOZ VISIT WITH ARGENTINE EMBASSY ON JUNE 7.
DEPTOFF NOTED UPBEAT TREATMENT OF MARTINEZ' MEETINGS WITH
SENIOR AMERICAN OFFICIALS, WHICH CONTRASTED WITH FACT
THAT AMERICAN OFFICIALS STRESSED DIFFICULTIES WE ARE
HAVING WITH ARGENTINE LOANS IN INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL
INSTITUTIONS AND MADE PLEAS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IMPROVEMENT.
ARGENTINE EMBOFF COMMENTED THAT MARTINEZ SPEAKS ENGLISH
WELL AND UNDERSTOOD FULLY WHAT AMERICAN OFFICIALS TOLD
HIM. HOWEVER, MARTINEZ WAS CONCERNED HOW ARGENTINE PRESS
WOULD PORTRAY HIS VISIT TO HYPERSENSITIVE ARGENTINE
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MILITARY SECTORS. IF THE MILITARY THOUGHT THAT THE U.S.
HAD TURNED DEFINITELY AGAINST ARGENTINA, THIS MIGHT TIP
THE SCALES IN FAVOR OF THE MILITARY HARDLINERS, ARGENTINE
EMBOFF EXPLAINED. (IN OTHER WORDS, MARTINEZ DOCTORED THE
THE NEWS FOR INTERNAL POLITICAL CONSUMPTION.)

2. ARGENTINE EMBOFF WAS INSISTENT THAT MARTINEZ' PURPOSE

IS TO PRESERVE GOOD RELATIONSHIP WITH UNITED STATES.

ARGENTINE OFFICER ADDED THAT MARTINEZ IS A FRIEND OF THE UNITED STATES.

3. WHEN QUERIED WHETHER MARTINEZ HAD REFERRED TO "MARXISTS" IN STATE DEPARTMENT, ARGENTINE EMBOFF REPLIED THAT WIRE SERVICE RESPONSIBLE FOR STORY KILLED THAT REFERENCE. ARGENTINE EMBOFF DID NOT KNOW WHETHER MARTINEZ MADE ANY SUCH STATEMENT.

4. DISCUSSING UPCOMING LOAN IN WORLD BANK, ARGENTINE EMBOFF STATED THAT A NEGATIVE VOTE WOULD SERIOUSLY DAMAGE MARTINEZ' POSITION AS ECONOMY MINISTER. THE ARGENTINE GOVERNMENT ALSO WOULD BE AMAZED IF U.S. TREATED ARGENTINA MORE HARSHLY THAN ETHIOPIA IN WORLD BANK, IN WHOSE CASE WE ABSTAINED. DEPTOFF REMARKED THAT ABSTENTION CAME ON A NEEDY LOAN. ARGENTINE OFFICER COUNTERED THAT FEW WOULD UNDERSTAND THE DISTINCTION IN ARGENTINA. HE ALSO ASKED WHY WOULD EXECUTIVE BE HARSHER ON ARGENTINA THAN CONGRESS IN LIGHT OF DEFEAT OF STUBBS AMENDMENT. DEPTOFF STATED THAT NO RPT NO FINAL DECISION HAS BEEN REACHED ON HOW U.S. MAY VOTE, AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT ARGENTINA WOULD BE ABLE TO POSTPONE WORLD BANK LOAN PENDING HUMAN RIGHTS CHANGES. VANCE

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